

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-25.

Claims 2-16 and 18-25 have been objected to because of minor informalities.

Applicant has amended claims 2-16 and 18-25 to address this issue. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful review of the claims.

The Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter of the limitation "local estimators (a_{ij} , c_{ij})" recited in claim 1, line 9 not being consistent with the drawings of Figure 7J which show c_{ij} combined with δ_{ij} as recited in step g of claim 17.

Applicant has amended the claims to remove the reference characters from the claims. It is Applicant's position that the claims as now presented are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to contact one of Applicant's representatives at the telephone number listed below should there be any outstanding issues remaining.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-
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